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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening of the session

1. On 11 December 2000, the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, welcomed participants of the Conference of the Parties and made a statement.

2. Statements were made by H.E. Mr. José Sarney Filho, Minister of State for the Environment of the Republic of Brazil and President of the third session of the Conference of the Parties and H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly.

3. Welcoming addresses were also made by Mr. Johannes Rau, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mrs. Bärbel Dieckmann, Lord Mayor of Bonn.

4. Summaries of the statements made during the welcoming ceremony are to be found in annex I.

5. The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, convened pursuant to article 22 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, was opened in Bonn, Germany, on 11 December 2000, by the President of the third session of the Conference of the Parties, H.E. Mr. José Sarney Filho, Minister of State for the Environment of the Republic of Brazil.

B. Election of the President
(Agenda item 1)

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 11 December, the Conference elected Mr. Zamba Batjargal, Head of the Delegation of Mongolia, President of its fourth session by acclamation.

7. At the same meeting, the President made a statement.

C. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of 144 Parties to the Convention. Observers from eleven States not Parties to the Convention, representatives of United Nations offices, organizations of the United Nations system and specialized agencies also attended.

D. Opening and general statements

9. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 12 December, the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement.

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, the Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Director Generals of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

12. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Benin (on behalf of the African Group) and the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian Group).

13. The representative of the German Working Group on Desertification made a statement on behalf of the community of non-governmental organizations.

14. Summaries of the opening and general statements referred to in paragraphs 9 to 13 are to be found in annex II.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 3)

15. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 12 December, the Conference adopted its agenda as contained in ICCD/COP(4)/1.

B. Election of officers other than the President
(Agenda item 2)

16. The Conference elected by acclamation the following officers to serve as vice-presidents on the Bureau for the fourth session, in addition to the President and Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology:

Mr. Abdallah Ghebalou (Algeria)
Mr. Jiri Hlavacek (Czech Republic)
Mr. Carlos Humberto Salazar (El Salvador)
Ms. Ketevan Tsereteli (Georgia)
Mr. Amadou Maïga (Mali)
Mr. Lennart Bondesson (Sweden)
Ms. Theresia Adam (Switzerland)
Mr. Farouk Adli (Syrian Arab Republic)

Vice-President-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Philbert Brown (Jamaica)

17. The Conference elected Mr. Olarewanju Smith (Canada) as Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology.

C. Organization of work
(Agenda item 3)

18. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the Conference approved the proposed organization of work for the session, as contained in ICCD/COP(4)/1, annex II, on the understanding that minor modifications might be made as necessary.

D. Establishment of the Committee of the Whole
(Agenda item 3)

19. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the Conference decided to establish a Committee of the Whole to consider outstanding issues for adoption by the Conference.

20. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the President, the Conference elected Mr. Kabelo Mafura (Lesotho) Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. He will also be an ex-officio member of the Bureau.

E. Establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group

21. At the third session of the Conference of the Parties, by decision 6/COP.3, the Conference established an ad hoc working group to conduct an in depth review and analysis of reports submitted at its third and fourth sessions. It is the understanding of the Conference that the Ad Hoc Working Group shall be a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties.

22. At its 4th meeting, on 14 December, the Conference elected Mr. Willem R.J. Van Cotthem (Belgium) and Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud El-Ghaouth (Mauritania) as Co-Chairmen of the Ad Hoc Working Group. The Conference decided, on an exceptional basis, that the two Co-Chairmen would also serve as ex officio members of the Bureau.

23. At its 1st meeting, on 15 December, the Ad Hoc Working Group elected by acclamation Mr. Mohammad Reza Jabbari (Islamic Republic of Iran), Sr. Octavio Pérez Pardo (Argentina) and Mr. Ogtay Jafarov (Azerbaijan) as Vice-Chairmen. Mr. Jafarov was also designated as Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

24. The Ad Hoc Working Group held nine meetings from 15 to 21 December, and adopted its interim report which was submitted to the Conference of the Parties for consideration. The Conference of the Parties adopted the said report at its 12th meeting, on 23rd December.

F. Committee on Science and Technology

25. The Committee on Science and Technology was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. Olarewanju Smith (Canada). The committee held seven meetings, from 12 to 15 December 2000.

26. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 12 and 13 December, the Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Mehrahtu Iyassu (Eritrea), Mr. M. Nuruzzaman (Bangladesh), Mr. Rafael Obregon Viloria (Mexico) and Mr. Valentin Sofroni (Republic of Moldova) as Vice-Chairmen.

27. The Committee on Science and Technology submitted a number of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, which took action on them at its 12th meeting, on 23rd December.

G. Attendance

28. The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties was attended by representatives of the following 144 Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification:

Algeria
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Benin
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Eritrea
Ethiopia
European Community
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lebanon
Lesotho

Liberia	Pakistan	Suriname
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Palau	Swaziland
Luxembourg	Panama	Sweden
Madagascar	Paraguay	Switzerland
Malawi	Peru	Syrian Arab Republic
Mali	Philippines	Tajikistan
Marshall Islands	Portugal	Togo
Mauritania	Republic of Korea	Trinidad and Tobago
Mexico	Republic of Moldova	Tunisia
Monaco	Romania	Turkey
Mongolia	Rwanda	Turkmenistan
Morocco	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Uganda
Mozambique	Saint Lucia	United Arab Emirates
Myanmar	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Namibia	Sao Tome and Principe	United Republic of Tanzania
Nepal	Saudi Arabia	Uruguay
Netherlands	Senegal	Uzbekistan
New Zealand	Sierra Leone	Venezuela
Nicaragua	South Africa	Yemen
Niger	Spain	Zambia
Nigeria	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe
Norway	Sudan	
Oman		

29. The session was also attended by observers from the following eleven States not Parties to the Convention:

Bahamas	Papua New Guinea	Thailand
Holy See	Poland	Ukraine
Iraq	Russian Federation	United States of America
Latvia	Slovak Republic	

Observers from Palestine attended the session as well.

30. The following United Nations organizations, offices and specialized agencies were represented:

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Global Environment Facility (GEF)
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
World Bank
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

H. Admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations
(Agenda item 5)

31. At its 2nd plenary meeting, the Conference decided to accord observer status to the intergovernmental organizations listed in ICCD/COP(4)/9 (annex I).

32. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference also decided to accredit the non-governmental organizations listed in ICCD/COP(4)/9 (annex II) and ICCD/COP(4)/9/Add.1 (annex).

I. Documentation

33. The documents submitted for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session are listed in annex VII.

III. SPECIAL SEGMENT ON CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION
(Agenda item 3)

34. A list of speakers at the special segment on the implementation of the Convention is to be found in annex III.

35. The President's summary regarding the special segment is to be found in annex IV.

IV. DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

A. Decision taken directly in the plenary

36. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 14 December, the Conference took the following decision:

1/COP.4 Procedures to review reports submitted at the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties

B. Decisions taken at the recommendation of the President of the Conference of the Parties

37. At its 12th meeting, the Conference took the following decisions at the recommendation of the President of the Conference of the Parties:

2/COP.4	Interim report of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the in-depth review and analysis of reports submitted at the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties
4/COP.4	Programme and budget for the biennium 2000-2001
9/COP.4	Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility
22/COP.4	Date and venue of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties

C. Decision taken at the recommendation of the Bureau

38. At its 12th meeting, the Conference took the following decision on the recommendation of the Bureau:

23/COP.4	Credentials of representatives of Parties to the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (ICCD/COP(4)/10)

D. Decisions taken at the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole

39. At its 12th meeting, the Conference took the following decisions at the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole:

3/COP.4	Procedure for the review of the implementation of the Convention
5/COP.4	Programme of work for the Conference of the Parties
6/COP.4	Global Mechanism
7/COP.4	Adoption of a regional implementation annex for Central and Eastern Europe
8/COP.4	Declaration on the commitments to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention
19/COP.4	Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure
20/COP.4	Resolution of questions of implementation, arbitration and conciliation procedures
21/COP.4	Report on the third Round Table of Parliamentarians

E. Decisions taken at the recommendation of the Committee on Science and Technology

40. At its 12th meeting, the Conference took the following decisions at the recommendation of the Committee on Science and Technology:

10/COP.4	Review and implementation of scientific and technological aspects of national reports

11/COP.4	Benchmarks and indicators
12/COP.4	Traditional knowledge
13/COP.4	Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies
14/COP.4	Early warning systems
15/COP.4	Roster of independent experts
16/COP.4	Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology
17/COP.4	Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology
18/COP.4	Dryland Degradation Assessment and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

F. Programme and budget: Report on the status of the trust funds in 2000
(Agenda item 7 (c))

41. At its 1st meeting, on 12 December, the Committee of the Whole took note of the report of the secretariat on the status of the trust funds in 2000.

V. CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION

A. Adoption of the report on credentials

42. At its 12th plenary meeting, the Conference, having considered the report on credentials of the Bureau of the fourth session of the Conference (ICCD/COP(4)/10) and the recommendation contained therein, approved the report on credentials.

B. Date and venue of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties

43. At its 12th plenary meeting, the Conference adopted decision 22/COP.4 on the date and venue of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, the text of which is contained in Part Two of this report.

C. Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its fourth session

44. At its 12th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the draft report on its fourth session (ICCD/COP(4)/L.12). The Conference of the Parties authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report, as appropriate.

D. Closure of the session

45. Statements made at the closing ceremony are summarized in annex VI.

Annex I

SUMMARIES OF STATEMENTS MADE AT THE WELCOMING CEREMONY

1. At the welcoming ceremony of COP 4 on 11 December 2000, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD secretariat, expressed his appreciation to the German authorities for having been so closely associated to the preparation of the Conference.

2. He recalled the challenges faced by UNCCD in the year 2000, especially the various natural disasters which affected most regions and presented the activities undertaken by the secretariat at the regional level during the period under review.

3. He urged the Conference of the Parties for more solidarity, as strongly advocated by the Convention, in opening the next phase of the process, the implementation of action programmes to combat desertification.

4. Mr. José Sarney Filho, Minister for the Environment of Brazil, highlighted the urgent need for a change which would balance production and consumption with regard to the world's environment carrying capacity. Describing a pessimistic picture of environment depletion in the context of globalization, he called for a more efficient network of world solidarity. He also reminded the Conference that public social policies are more efficient when they rely on popular participation.

5. H.E. Mr Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-fifth session, underlined the importance of UNCCD, which focuses on areas where the balance between the needs of human beings and those of ecosystems is most delicate and most difficult to achieve. He paid special attention to the situation in Africa, where the land degradation hits the poorest people most seriously, and pointed out that cooperation and partnership are keys to practical and wise measures towards sustainable development.

6. In her welcoming address, the Lord Mayor of Bonn, Mrs. Bärbel Dieckmann, indicated how much the Federal Republic of Germany values the Conference's task. She reminded the Conference that during recent years the City of Bonn had intensified its activities in the field of development cooperation.

7. In his address to the Conference, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Johannes Rau, underlined the need for industrialized countries of the north to adopt patterns of production and consumption that did not destroy people's chances in other parts of the world to lead a decent life. He thanked the countries represented at COP 4 for their decision, three years before, to establish the headquarters of the permanent secretariat of UNCCD in Bonn, and made it clear that Germany was willing to shoulder its international responsibilities.

Annex II

SUMMARIES OF OPENING AND GENERAL STATEMENTS

1. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of UNCCD, summarized the activities undertaken at the national, subregional and regional levels, and reported that a Round Table of Parliamentarians would be held on 12 and 13 December 2000, in parallel with the COP sessions.

2. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the representative of Nigeria called for the enhancement of the Global Mechanism (GM) to enable it to fulfil its mandate, the establishment of an institutional structure to monitor UNCCD implementation, and the formulation of a declaration of commitments with a time frame and measurable results.

3. On behalf of the European Union, the representative of France noted some shortcomings in the function of the Committee on Science and Technology, which resulted in delays in effective UNCCD implementation, and called on the Committee to reorganize its procedures for consistency with its mandate.

4. On behalf of the Latin America and the Caribbean region, the representative of Chile underscored the need for financial and technical support to prepare the national action programmes (NAPs), a COP 4 decision to support the regional coordination units from the secretariat's budget, and specific initiatives undertaken in collaboration with other United Nations agencies, the Global Environment Facility and donor countries to finance regional and subregional action programmes.

5. On behalf of the African Group, the representative of Benin called on COP 4 to ensure that the Ad Hoc Working Group established by COP 3 remained open-ended and that its existence should not hinder negotiations to create a committee to review UNCCD implementation, that work continues in the inter-sessional period, and that conclusions and recommendations from the various Parties and the Ad Hoc Working Group are part of a COP 5 decision. He supported the Group of 77 and China's call to assign the GEF as the temporary financial mechanism of the Convention.

6. On behalf of the Asian Group, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic emphasized the need to combat desertification at the international level in order to foster development.

7. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization invited the COP to give special attention to, *inter alia*, developing and enhancing proactive drought early warning systems; determining vulnerability profiles and comprehensive assessment of social, economic and environmental impacts, based on indicators that can be monitored as drought develops; and providing technical and financial resources to the most vulnerable countries.

8. Noting some steep increases in the number of requests for the Global Mechanism's services, the representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development said that bilateral support to the GM had been sporadic and insufficient. He urged the COP to reaffirm its commitments to support the GM and to ensure that it was allocated the resources necessary for it to perform its duties effectively.

9. The representative of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals called for synergies at all levels, including national levels, between the UNCCD and CMS.

10. The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations highlighted the need to strengthen efforts to identify and disseminate simple and effective agricultural practices that simultaneously enhance resource and biodiversity conservation, food security and social stability and improve incomes, and to undertake and implement institutional reforms to strengthen local populations' access to, *inter alia*, micro-credit and agricultural markets in order to ensure food security.

11. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization outlined its initiatives to produce educational materials on combating desertification, and its planned scientific studies, including research into traditional knowledge.

12. On behalf of the community of non-governmental organizations accredited to COP 4, the German Working Group on Desertification expressed concern regarding, *inter alia*, the lack of civil society participation in the NAP process, calling for an evaluation of such participation, and the lack of priority accorded to desertification by some affected country Parties and their partners to development.

Annex III

SPEAKERS AT THE SPECIAL SEGMENT

H.E. Mr. Zamba Bartjargal
President of the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties

H.E. Mr Hama Arba Diallo
Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification

Mrs. Bärbel Dieckmann
Lord Mayor of the City of Bonn

H.E. Mrs. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul
Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

H.E. Mr. Hama Amadou
Prime Minister of Niger

H.E. Mr. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili
Prime Minister of Lesotho

H.E. Mr. Imeh Okopido
Minister of State for the Environment of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

H.E. Mr. Charles Josselin
Minister in charge of Cooperation of France (on behalf of the European Union)

H.E. Mr. Fawzi H. Al-Sultan
President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

H.E. Mr. Ian Johnson
Vice-President of the World Bank

Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar
Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

H.E. Mr. Zedan Hamdala
Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

H.E. Mr. Kimi Watanabe
Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Development Policy of the United Nations Development Programme

H.E. Mr. Ahamdy Ould Hamady
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development of Mauritania

H.E. Mr. Georges Foulkes
Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

H.E. Ms. Nino Chkhobadze
Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

H.E. Mr. H.N. Ashequr Rahman
Minister for the Environment and Forests of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Luc-Marie C. Gnancadja
Minister of the Environment, Habitat and Urbanization of Benin

H.E. Mr. Hassan Maaouni
Minister for Water and Forests of Morocco

H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Adli
Minister of State for Environment Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic

H.E. Mr. Abdel Raheem Okour
Minister for Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment of Jordan

H.E. Mrs. Susan Waffa-Ogoo
Secretary of State for Fisheries, Natural Resources and the Environment of the Gambia

H.E. Mr. Hamid Kalantari
Deputy Minister of the Reconstruction-Jihad of the Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mr. Valerio Calzolaio
Deputy Minister for the Environment of Italy

H.E. Mr. Yucai Li
Vice-Minister of the State Forestry Administration of China

H.E. Mr. Len Good
President of the Canadian International Development Agency

H.E. Mr. Lazea Gheorghe
Secretary-General, Ministry of Waters, Forests and Environmental Protection of Romania

Mr. Klaus Topfer
Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

H.E. Mr. Khamis bin Mubarak Al- Alawi
Minister of Regional Municipalities and the Environment of Oman

H.E. Mr. Mamadou Lamine Ba
Minister of the Environment of Senegal

H.E. Mr. Roy D. Fanaurakis
Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Swaziland

H.E. Mr. Kim Yong-Han
Assistant Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Korea

H.E. Mr. Glenn Lindholm
Director General of the Department for International Development Cooperation of Finland

H.E. Mr. Henri-Philippe Cart
Deputy Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation

Mr. Nikolas Yasoglu
Head of the National Committee to Combat Desertification of Greece

Mr. Wilber Dovey
Deputy Director for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand

Mr. Attalla Hamad Bashir
Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development

Mr. Kenneth King
Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environment Facility

H.E. Ms. Sigrun Mogedal
State Secretary for International Development of Norway

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mehdi Mlika
Minister Adviser for Sustainable Development of Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Jiri Hlavacek
Vice-Minister for the Environment of the Czech Republic

H.E. Mr. Ali Bin Saad Altokhais
Director General of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Water of Saudi Arabia

H.E. Mr. Torben Mailand Christensen
Ambassador, Head of the Secretariat of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Denmark

H.E. Mr. Christan Falkowski
Director for Sectorial Strategies, Directorate General for Development of the European Commission

H.E. Mr. Toshio Kunikata
Minister, Embassy of Japan in Bonn

Mr. A.K. Kundra
Special Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of India

Mr. Mebrahtu Iyassu
Director-General of the Land Resources and Crop Production Department, Ministry of Agriculture of Eritrea

H.E. Mr. Abdallah Ghebalou
Director-General of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture of Algeria

Mr. Kubanitchbek Kulov
Director of the Research Irrigation Institute of Kyrgystan

Ms. I'o Tuakeu-Lindsay
Director of the Environment Service of the Cook Islands

Mr. Joachim Tappe
Member of the German Parliament

H.E. Mr. Abraham Dukure
Ambassador of Guinea to Germany

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Minister of Environment and Water of Burkina Faso

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Minister for the Environment and Forestry Resources of Togo

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Minister for the State Committee on Land Resources of Tajikistan

H.E. Mr. Laurence Kezimbira-Miyingo
Minister of State for Land, Water and the Environment of Uganda

H.E. Mr. Francisco Mabjaia
Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. G.C. Mkondiwa
Principal Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs of Malawi

H.E. Mr. Sylvestre Zidona
Chief of Cabinet of the Second Vice-President of Burundi

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Amamou
Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union

Mr. Abdel Gawad Gilani
Director of Soil and Water Use, Arab Center for Arid Zones and Dry Lands on behalf of the League of Arab States

Mr. Salah Tahoun
Adviser, Environmental Affairs Agency, Ministry of the Environment of Egypt

Dr. Anatoly M. Ovchinnikov
Chief, Department of International Cooperation of Uzbekistan

Mr. Amadou Maiga
Technical Adviser to the Minister for Infrastructure, Land Management, Environment and Urban Affairs of Mali

H.E. Mr. E.K. Mugurusi
Director of Environmental Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Caetano Inlchama
Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau

Mr. Jan Pronk, President of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Mr. Yousef Abusafief
Representative of Palestine

Mr. Masego Mphathi
Director of Crop Production and Forestry of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Izhar Ibrahim
Ambassador of Indonesia to Germany

Mr. Adel El-Bettagy
Director-General of the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas

Mrs. Serap Kuleli
Director-General of Environmental Protection, Ministry of the Environment of Turkey

H.E. Mr. Koum Saron
Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia

H.E. Mr. Lennart Hjelmaker
Ambassador of Sweden to Zimbabwe

H.E. Mr. San Thein
Ambassador of Myanmar to Germany

H.E. Mr. George Nipah
Ambassador of Ghana to Germany

H.E. Ms. Bintu Malloum
Ambassador of Chad to Germany

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Gaafer
Ambassador of Sudan to Germany

Mr. Uriel Safriel
Focal Point of Israel for the Convention

Ms. Mariam Cisse
Executive Secretary of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel

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Annex IV

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE SPECIAL SEGMENT

1. Over a period of two days, the participants in the high-level segment presented the contributions of their respective countries or organizations towards the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. The discussions were enhanced by the presence of a considerable number of ministers, high government officials, and executive heads of UNEP, IFAD and the GEF, as well as representatives of interregional, regional and other organizations.

2. Opening the session, the President of the Conference, H.E. Mr. Bartjargal said that the UNCCD could considerably improve conditions in affected countries.

3. Mr. Diallo, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, called for an extensive review of national implementation reports.

4. A message from H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, appealed to donors to mobilize adequate resources for affected developing country use.

5. Mrs. Bärbel Dieckmann, Mayor of Bonn, called for networking and collaboration, which she said were the only ways to combat desertification effectively.

6. Representatives of affected developing countries described, in their statements, national efforts to combat desertification, including the development of national action programmes. They cited the principal difficulties hampering the implementation of the Convention in these regions and appealed for the strengthening of cooperation with their principal development partners.

7. Participants made some further points:

- They called for a Global Environment Facility (GEF) window to fund UNCCD implementation;
- They called on the World Trade Organization to address concerns affecting Africa;
- They explained poor nations' inability to deal with desertification due to dwindling development resources, the negative impact of globalization, and trends in international commodity markets;
- They pleaded to UNCCD for support as a step towards environmental justice.

8. In their presentations, developed countries described their support to affected developed countries and regions.

9. The Parties also heard Mr. Joachim Tappe, member of the German Parliament, who presented the declaration adopted by the Round Table of Parliamentarians with regard to the implementation of the UNCCD. The Conference took note of the declaration by the Parliamentarians with satisfaction.

Annex V

SUMMARIES OF STATEMENTS MADE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

1. The Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, said that the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session had succeeded in coming up with conclusions towards furthering implementation of the UNCCD. He noted that the results of the AHWG had met Parties' expectations. He highlighted other achievements including, in the additional implementation annex, the declaration, proposals for improving the work of the CST and the decision related to the GEF and how to enhance access to that body in order to assist countries with UNCCD implementation.

2. Nigeria, for the group of 77 and China, thanked the President of the Conference, the Bureau, the Executive Secretary, the secretariat and the delegates. He highlighted actions needed to assist affected countries and the need for new and additional funding as well as steady and predictable sources funding.

3. The President of the Conference highlighted positive aspects of the two-week COP meeting and assured his commitment to make the Convention a tool for changing people's lives in affected areas.

Annex VI

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FOURTH SESSION

Document symbol	Title or description
ICCD/COP(4)/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(4)/2	Programme and budget for the biennium 2000-2001
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.1	Programme and budget: (a) need for, modalities for, costs involved in, and feasibility of the regional coordination units
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.2	Programme and budget: (b) Proposal on the ways of improving the budgeting and reporting process
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.3	Programme and budget: (c) Performance report of the Convention's trust funds in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.3/Corr.1	Programme and budget:(c) Performance report of the Convention's trust funds in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.3/Corr.2	Programme and budget:(c) Performance report of the Convention's trust funds in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.4	Programme and budget:(d) report on the performance of the trust fund for supplementary activities in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.5(A)	Programme and budget: (e) audited financial statements for the Convention's trust funds in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.5(B)	Programme and budget: (e) audited financial statements for the Convention's trust funds in 1999
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.6	Programme and budget: (f) performance report of the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2000-2001 as of 30 June 2000
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.7	Programme and budget: (g) report on the performance of the trust fund for supplementary activities in the biennium 2000-20001 as of 30 June 2000

Document symbol	Title or description
ICCD/COP(4)/2/Add.8	Programme and budget: (h) report on the status of contributions to the Convention's trust funds for the biennium 2000-2001 as of 12 December 2000
ICCD/COP(4)/3	Implementation of the Convention: Review of the implementation of the Convention, including support to regional action programmes
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.1(A)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.1(B)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.1(C)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa

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ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.1(D)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa Part one: Synthesis of information contained in national reports from affected Asian countries Part two: Progress made in the formulation and implementation of the subregional and regional action programmes in Asia
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.2(A)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by the Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.2(B)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by the Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties

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ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.3(A)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by Northern Mediterranean and other affected country Parties

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ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.3(B)	Implementation of the Convention: (a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including on the participatory process, and on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes; (b) Review of the report on progress made in the formulation and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes in regions other than Africa Part one: : Synthesis of information contained in national reports from Northern Mediterranean and other affected country Parties Part two: Progress made in the annex concerning implementation at the regional level for the Northern Mediterranean
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.4	Implementation of the Convention: (c) Review of reports by developed countries on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected country Parties of regions other than Africa, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention Part one: Compilation of summaries of reports submitted by developed country Parties Part two: Synthesis of reports submitted by developed country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.5	Implementation of the Convention: (d) Review of information provided by organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention; (e) Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b), of the Convention

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ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.5(A)	Implementation of the Convention: (d) Review of information provided by organs, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention; (e) Review of available information regarding the financing of the implementation of the Convention by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2(b), of the Convention
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.6	Implementation of the Convention: (g) Review of the report of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism on their role and results obtained in facilitating consultative processes to negotiate and conclude partnership agreements based on national, subregional and regional action programmes
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.7	Consideration of additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.7 (A)	Consideration of additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.8	Consideration of an additional regional implementation annex to the Convention, with a view to adopting it
ICCD/COP(4)/3/Add.9	Consideration of a draft declaration on the commitments to enhance the implementation of the obligations of the Convention
ICCD/COP(4)/4	Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the report on policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it

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ICCD/COP(4)/4/Add.1(A)	Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the report on policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it
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ICCD/COP(4)/4/Add.2	Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the report on policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism, and the provision of guidance to it
ICCD/COP(4)/5 and Corr.1	Maintenance of the roster of experts
ICCD/COP(4)/5/Add.1	Maintenance of the roster of experts
ICCD/COP(4)/5/Add.1/Corr.1	Maintenance of the roster of experts
ICCD/COP(4)/6	Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies
ICCD/COP(4)/7	Outstanding items - Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure
ICCD/COP(4)/8	Outstanding items - Consideration of procedure and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions of implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention, with a view to deciding how to take this matter forward - Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6 of the Convention
ICCD/COP(4)/9 and Add.1	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers
ICCD/COP(4)/10	Credentials of delegations

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ICCD/COP(4)/CST/1	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
ICCD/COP(4)/CST/2	Traditional knowledge
ICCD/COP(4)/CST/3 and Add.1	Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies
ICCD/COP(4)/CST/4	Early warning systems
ICCD/COP(4)/CST/5 and Corr.1	Synthesis of scientific and technical information, particularly with regard to the benchmarks and indicators used to measure progress, and assessment thereof, contained in the reports received from country Parties for consideration by the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.1	Arrangements for the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties - Preliminary information for participants
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.2	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.3	Directory of focal points for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.4	List of participants
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.5	Latin American and the Caribbean first national report database
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.6	Assessment of the status of land degradation in arid, semi-arid and dry-sub-humid areas
ICCD/COP(4)/INF.7	Report of the bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology
ICCD/COP(4)/INFORMAL.1	Declaration by Members of Parliaments
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ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/2	Summaries of reports submitted by selected Asian country Parties

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ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/2/Add.1	Summaries of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/2/Add.2	Summaries of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/2/Add.3	Summaries of reports submitted by affected Asian country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/3	Summaries of reports submitted by selected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/3/Add.1	Summaries of reports submitted by affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/3/Add.2	Summaries of reports submitted by affected Latin American and the Caribbean country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/4	Summaries of reports submitted by selected Northern Mediterranean and other affected country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/4/Add.1	Summaries of reports submitted by Northern Mediterranean and other affected country Parties
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/5	Implementation of the Convention - Ad Hoc Working Group - Provisional agenda and annotations
ICCD/COP(4)/AHWG/INF.1	Arrangements for the inter-sessional meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group - Preliminary information for participants

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